

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 43 (cancelled)

Claim 44 (currently amended): A cigarette comprising a tobacco rod and a multi-component filter including a cavity with a bed of adsorbent particles therein constructed and arranged to substantially remove at least one smoke constituent from mainstream tobacco smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, and wherein the cavity is at least 85% filled with the adsorbent particles, at least one flavor-releasing component located downstream of the bed of adsorbent particles constructed and arranged to release flavor to mainstream smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, the flavor-releasing component having an upstream end portion adjacent the bed of adsorbent particles, and ventilation downstream of the adsorbent particles at the upstream end portion of the flavor-releasing component.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the bed of adsorbent particles includes a flavorant-bearing, activated carbon.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the flavor-releasing component includes a flavorant-bearing yarn and surrounding cellulose acetate.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the flavor-releasing component includes a cellulose acetate plug with flavorant thereon.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the flavor-releasing component includes a cellulose acetate plug surrounded by plug wrap with flavorant on the plug wrap.

Claim 49 (canceled)

Claim 50 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the multi-component filter includes a component in the form of a plug defining a flow path with a transition from generally circular to generally annular to thereby produce an increased pressure drop and increased dwell time of mainstream tobacco smoke in the filter.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the multi-component filter includes a component in the form of a plug providing a flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent particles.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 51, wherein the plug providing the flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent particles defines an annular flow path.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 51, wherein the plug providing the flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent particles defines a central flow path.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 51, wherein the plug providing the flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent particles comprises a concentric filter.

Claim 55 (currently amended): The cigarette as in claim 44, wherein the bed of adsorbent particles comprises carbon particles with flavorant on the carbon including at

~~least 90 to 120 mg or greater of carbon in a fully filled condition or 160 to 180 mg or greater of carbon in a 85% filled condition or better.~~

Claim 56 (canceled)